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the requirements of this subpart when geological and engineering information shows that specific operating requirements are appropriate. You must comply with field drilling rules and non-conflicting requirements of this subpart. The District Manager may amend or cancel field drilling rules at any time.

(b) You may request the District Manager to establish, amend, or cancel field drilling rules.

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APPLYING FOR A PERMIT TO MODIFY AND WELL RECORDS

§ 250.465 When must I submit an Application for Permit to Modify (APM) or an End of Operations Report to MMS?

(a) You must submit an APM (form MMS-124) or an End of Operations Report (form MMS-125) and other materials to the Regional Supervisor as shown in the following table. You must also submit a public information copy of each form.

When you	Then you must	And
(1) Intend to revise your drilling plan, change major drilling equipment, or plugback.	Submit form MMS-124 or request oral approval.	Receive written or oral approval from the District Manager before you begin the intended operation. If you get an approval, you must submit form MMS-124 no later than the end of the 3rd business day following the oral approval. In all cases, or you must meet the additional requirements in paragraph (b) of this section.
(2) Determine a well's final surface location, water depth, and the rotary kelly bushing elevation.	Immediately Submit a form MMS-124.	Submit a plat certified by a registered land surveyor that meets the requirements of § 250.412.
(3) Move a drilling unit from a wellbore before completing a well.	Submit forms MMS-124 and MMS-125 within 30 days after the suspension of wellbore operations.	Submit appropriate copies of the well records.

(b) If you intend to perform any of the actions specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, you must meet the following additional requirements:

(1) Your APM (Form MMS-124) must contain a detailed statement of the proposed work that would materially change from the approved APD. The submission of your APM must be accompanied by payment of the service fee listed in § 250.125;

(2) Your form MMS-124 must include the present status of the well, depth of all casing strings set to date, well depth, present production zones and productive capability, and all other information specified; and

(3) Within 30 days after completing this work, you must submit form MMS-124 with detailed information about the work to the District Manager, unless you have already provided sufficient information in a Well Activity Report, form MMS-133 (§ 250.468(b)).

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§ 250.466 What records must I keep?

You must keep complete, legible, and accurate records for each well. You must keep drilling records onsite while drilling activities continue. After completion of drilling activities, you must keep all drilling and other well records for the time periods shown in § 250.467. You may keep these records at a location of your choice. The records must contain complete information on all of the following:

- (a) Well operations;
- (b) Descriptions of formations penetrated;
- (c) Content and character of oil, gas, water, and other mineral deposits in each formation;
- (d) Kind, weight, size, grade, and setting depth of casing;
- (e) All well logs and surveys run in the wellbore;
- (f) Any significant malfunction or problem; and
- (g) All other information required by the District Manager in the interests of resource evaluation, waste prevention, conservation of natural resources, and

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the protection of correlative rights, safety, and environment.

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§ 250.467 How long must I keep records?

You must keep records for the time periods shown in the following table.

You must keep records relating to	Until
(a) Drilling	Ninety days after you complete drilling operations.
(b) Casing and liner pressure tests, diverter tests, and BOP tests.	Two years after the completion of drilling operations.
(c) Completion of a well or of any workover activity that materially alters the completion configuration or affects a hydrocarbon-bearing zone.	You permanently plug and abandon the well or until you forward the records with a lease assignment.

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§ 250.468 What well records am I required to submit?

(a) You must submit copies of logs or charts of electrical, radioactive, sonic, and other well-logging operations; directional and vertical-well surveys; velocity profiles and surveys; and analysis of cores to MMS. Each Region will provide specific instructions for submitting well logs and surveys.

(b) For drilling operations in the GOM OCS Region, you must submit form MMS-133, Well Activity Report, to the District Manager on a weekly basis.

(c) For drilling operations in the Pacific or Alaska OCS Regions, you must submit form MMS-133, Well Activity Report, to the District Manager on a daily basis.

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§ 250.469 What other well records could I be required to submit?

The District Manager or Regional Supervisor may require you to submit copies of any or all of the following well records.

(a) Well records as specified in § 250.466;

(b) Paleontological interpretations or reports identifying microscopic fossils by depth and/or washed samples of drill cuttings that you normally maintain for paleontological determinations. The Regional Supervisor may issue a Notice to Lessees that prescribes the

manner, timeframe, and format for submitting this information;

(c) Service company reports on cementing, perforating, acidizing, testing, or other similar services; or

(d) Other reports and records of operations.

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HYDROGEN SULFIDE

§ 250.490 Hydrogen sulfide.

(a) *What precautions must I take when operating in an H₂S area?* You must:

(1) Take all necessary and feasible precautions and measures to protect personnel from the toxic effects of H₂S and to mitigate damage to property and the environment caused by H₂S. You must follow the requirements of this section when conducting drilling, well-completion/well-workover, and production operations in zones with H₂S present and when conducting operations in zones where the presence of H₂S is unknown. You do not need to follow these requirements when operating in zones where the absence of H₂S has been confirmed; and

(2) Follow your approved contingency plan.

(b) *Definitions.* Terms used in this section have the following meanings:

Facility means a vessel, a structure, or an artificial island used for drilling, well-completion, well-workover, and/or production operations.

H₂S absent means: